

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1067

By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Burness Adams of Johnson City on being crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2004.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as superlative ambassadors for the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Burness Adams is one such noteworthy citizen, whose reign as Ms. Tennessee Senior America will surely be categorized as both remarkable and inspirational; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant is "a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams honorably represents the Ms. Senior America Pageant, the world's first pageant to honor women who have reached the "Age of Elegance," and she exemplifies the pageant's philosophy that "seniors are the foundation of America, and our most valuable treasure"; and

WHEREAS, crowned on March 6, 2004, Ms. Adams will represent Tennessee in the Ms. Senior America Pageant later this year; and

WHEREAS, born in Dunbar, Virginia, Ms. Adams is a retired seamstress, tailor, and caterer who has spent the last several years occupying her time with volunteer organizations, hobbies, and family; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Johnson City Choral Group, Central Church of Christ, Church Women's Group, Red Hat Society of Johnson City, Elizabethton Choral Society, Tennessee Quilting Guild, American Red Cross, and Johnson City Senior Center, Ms. Adams is an actively and extensively involved member of her community; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, the former Ms. Appalachian Fair 2002 enjoys cooking and sewing for various community projects, traveling, playing cards, camping, and spending quality time with her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, well-known for her affinity for singing, Ms. Adams has also made a name for herself in music, performing in variety shows and operettas, entertaining on cruise ships, and performing at different venues nationwide, including solo performances at the North American Christian Conventions; Burness Adams also performed at the Republican Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, she was previously a member of the Greater Cincinnati Ohio Choral Society; Yarmouth, Nova Scotia Choral Society; and Portsmouth, Ohio Ladies Chorus; she was a soloist for many years with the Portsmouth, Ohio Male Chorus; and

WHEREAS, since beginning her reign as Ms. Tennessee Senior America, Burness Adams has been a superlative ambassador for the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, she appears as a spokesperson on television programs and at trade shows, including the "Southern Women's Show" in Nashville, Tennessee, where she will share her talent presentation titled "My Tribute" with members of the audience; and

WHEREAS, Burness Adams will perform in Jonesborough, Tennessee, at the "Music on the Square" festival on June 4, 2004 and at an Independence Day concert on July 4, 2004, for the "Jonesborough Days" Festival; she also has upcoming performances at the "Apple Festival" in Erwin, Tennessee in October and will appear in the Johnson City Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Adams has taken to heart the Ms. Senior America Pageant's credo: "it is upon the knowledge, experience, and resources of our senior citizens that the younger generation has the opportunity to build a better society"; she thus inspires the youth of her community; and

WHEREAS, her greatest task and joy has been raising five children, to whom she endeavored to teach moral and Christian principles, and then to see her life's work rewarded in her twelve loving and devoted grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional lady who believes strongly in reaching for the stars and being passionately engaged in life, but who is also firmly grounded in family values, Christian

service, and the joys of everyday life, Ms. Burness Adams is truly a worthy representative and accomplished ambassador for Tennessee, and she should be so honored; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Burness K. Adams for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Burness K. Adams upon being crowned Ms. Tennessee Senior America 2004 and applaud her positive outlook on life and her stalwart commitment to God, family, and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to her our best wishes for every continued success, especially in the upcoming national Ms. Senior America Pageant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.